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**Meeting of the Hawaii State Advisory Committee to the  
United States Commission on Civil Rights**

**WHAT: Orientation and planning meeting for Hawaii State Advisory Committee members**

**WHEN: Thursday, September 24, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. HST to 1:00 p.m. HST (Note: Hawaii does not observe DST)**

**WHERE: Hilton Hawaiian Village, Tapa Room #3, 2005 Kalia Road, Honolulu, HI**

**The Hawaii State Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights will meet from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM (HST) on Tuesday, September 22, 2009. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Tapa Room #3, 2005 Kalia Road, Honolulu, HI**

**This is the first meeting of the re-chartered Hawaii State Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is for committee members to receive an orientation and for the Committee to plan future activities. The meeting is open to the public.**

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency of the federal government. Its members, appointed by the President and Congress, are: Gerald A. Reynolds, *Chairman*, Abigail Thernstrom, *Vice-chair*, and Commissioners Todd Gaziano, Gail Heriot, Peter N. Kirsanow, Arlen D. Melendez, Ashley Taylor and Michael Yaki. Martin Dannenfelser is the staff director. Peter Minarik is acting director of the Western Regional Office.

The Commission has advisory committees in all states and the District of Columbia to assist in its fact-finding function. State advisory committees receive reports, suggestions, and recommendations from individuals, public and private organizations, and public officials, and examine civil rights issues in their respective states. The Arizona State Advisory Committee is one of 51 such committees, and its members serve without compensation. Michael Lilly is chairman of the Hawaii Advisory Committee.

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